munication, steel and mines, test and measuring instruments and industrial control. For productivity improvement in agriculture through appropriate use of electronics, the Government is examining the feasibility of using portable microprocessor based kits for measuring soil characteristics, moisture content of seeds, etc. The possibility of making available such portable equipment to the educated self-employed is being explored so that they can promote the application of this technology through individual contact with and comprehensive service to farmers.

(b) The Department of Electronics has projected a total outlay of Rs. 18 crores for this programme for the Seventh Plan.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Evaluation of nuclear weapons design of Pakistan by China

1237. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India are aware that Pakistan scientists from a secret facility at Wah showed a nuclear weapon design to some Chinese physicists in late 1982 or 1983 and sought Chinese evaluation and the Chinese scientists confirmed that it would yield a nuclear plant, as reported in the "Washington Posts";

(b) whether the triggering mechanism for the Pakistan bomb design appears to be very similar to the one used by China in its fourth nuclear test;

(c) whether the Chinese scientific delegation has spent a substantial amount of time at centrifuge plant in Kahuta where Pakistan scientists were attempting to produce enriched uranium as China was assisting Pakistani secret nuclear programme; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard and what is the reaction of the Government of India in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (d) Government are concerned at the non-peaceful dimension of Pakistan nuclear programme and reports of Sino-Pak nuclear collaboration have been noted in this context. Government contines to keep a constant vigil over all developments having a bearing on the country's security.

Letter received from London threatening lives of the Indians

1238. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a letter which reveals plans to assassinate a senior diplomat at the Indian High Commission and also conveyed threat to the life of the Prime Minister;

(b) whether the letter which was published in the Daily Mail of London on 30th January, 1986 made revelations regarding plans to assassinate a member of the Indian Cabinet, the President and 35 Hindu politicians;

(c) if so, what are the other points mentioned in the letter;

(d) whether India has approached authorities in London to take stern measures to curb the activities of extremists and also find out the culprits; and

(e) what further security measures have been taken to check their activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Government have seen reports that the DAILY MAIL in London received such a letter.

(b) The Daily Mail published extracts of the letter received in the matter.

(c) The letter contains threats to destroy important Indian monuments and scientific institutions.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Goverment have taken adequate measures.

Defection by an Indian Diplomat in Norway

1239. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian diplomat posted at Oslo had defected Norway more than a year ago;

(b) whether the said diplomat was involved in any embezzlement of funds;

(c) whether Government had taken any steps for his extradition; and

(d) if so, what was the response of Norwegian Government in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Sh. Harinder Singh formerly, First Secretary in our Embassy at Oslo had deserted on 19th June, 1984.

(b) Sh. Harinder Singh embezzled some funds from the Embassy.

(c) and (d) Government took up the matter of Sh. Harinder Singh's desertion with the Norwegian authorities both in Oslo and in Delhi. In the absence of any Extradition Treaty between India and Norway the question of extradition of Sh. Harinder Singh was not formally pursued.

Construction work at CMERI, Durgapur

1240. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the contracts for civil construction work at Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute, Durgapur are always given to a particular contractor;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether this particular contractor is related to the top managerial people of CMERI, Durgapur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Discontinuance of collaborative projects of the Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute, Durgapur

1241. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the collaborative project of CMERI, Durgapur nos. 468.52.04 with SAIL, Ranchi and 421. MD. 42. with TISCO Jamshedpur of 1982 and 1980 were discontinued;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the discontinuation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Redressal of grievances of employees of the Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institution, Durgapur

1242. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: SHRI SHANTIMOY GHOSH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any attempts to redress the grievances of employees of CMERI, Durgapur by CSIR regarding nepotism, favouritism, injustice and victimisation by the local management;

(b) whether CSIR have made any enquiry about the actual state of affairs in CMERI; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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